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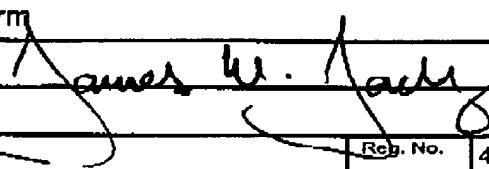
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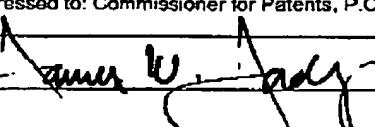
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**AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.